LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH

Domestic

Captain Appleby, of the Fall River liner Providence, secured aid by wireless when he discovered his boat afire and prevented a panic among the passengers. They were transferred to another steamer.

The shoe factory owned by Arthur C. and Chester B. Williams, at Cochituate, Mass., was destroyed by fire, causing an estimated loss of $50,000. About 150 hands are thrown out of employment.

Secretary Straus announces that President Roosevelt has not ordered any investigation of the stock exchanges.

H. A. Deland, founder of Deland, Fla., and one of the leading business men of Fairport, N. Y., is dead.

Admiral Holdsworth recommends enlarging the Brooklyn dry dock to accommodate the largest battleships.

Ivan R. Colfin, a student of Lehigh University, was drowned while shooting the Weygot Rapids in a canoe.

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PARDON WOULD BE RESISTED.

Self-confessed Murderer of Many Men and Chief Witness Against Haywood and Pettibone Says He Is Ready to Take His Punishment—Declares He Told Only the Truth.

Boise, Idaho (Special).—On the morning of his forty-second birthday next Wednesday, in the District Court of Canyon County, Harry Orchard, confessed murderer of former Gov. Frank Steunenberg, who was killed by the explosion of a bomb at the gate of his residence, in Caldwell, on the evening of December 30, 1905, will face death. Warden Wood prepared to hear the death sentence pronounced on him.

Harry Orchard, of his own volition and against the urgent pleadings of his attorney and others, refused, when arraigned on March 10, to let his previous plea of "not guilty" stand. He also refused to plead to a lesser degree of murder than first degree. He said:

"I am guilty and am ready to take my punishment. I have told the truth. I understand fully what must be the consequence."

Some expressions are heard that Orchard has been guaranteed immunity of some sort. This is denied by those in authority and by Orchard. Those who have been in close communication with Orchard—prison officers and attorneys—all express surprise the opinion that should an effort be made to commute his sentence or pardon him, Orchard will refuse to accept the clemency.

It is the general belief that Orchard expected to be executed and wishes to suffer the extreme penalty for his crimes. Orchard refused to make any statement for publication. He spends much time with books, especially the lives of religious heroines.

Orchard was the chief witness against Haywood and Pettibone, who were pronounced innocent men with outrages attributed to the Western Federation of Miners.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Assassins Severely Wound The Wrong Men.

Dixon, Ky. (Special).—Fatal wounding of Deputy Marshal Smith Childers by Jacob McDowell, a negro, at Providence, Ky., was the indirect cause of the shooting of two innocent-living men. P. B. Carter, of Chattanooga, and J. B. Barry, commercial travelers, were also severely wounded when fired from ambush by negroes while driving between Dixon and Providence with two other drummers. The negroes say they did the shooting evidently thought that the salesmen were members of the party.

Deputy Marshal Childers was shot while attempting to arrest McDowell. The negro was taken to Dixon by another officer. White men immediately gathered to lynch McDowell.

Negroes of Providence, hearing this, armed themselves and lay in wait by the road over which the mob was expected to pass. The traveling men soon came along, and the ambushed negroes fired on them and escaped. McDowell was hurried from Dixon to Henderson.

The mob, arriving at the Dixon jail at 2 o'clock A. M., and finding McDowell gone, set out with bloodhounds to find the negroes who had fired into the traveling men. Will McDowell, a cousin of the prisoner; Tom Miller and another negro were arrested charged with shooting the traveling men.

The mob has not found the poor negroes, and probably will not go to Henderson after McDowell.

FRATERNITIES ABOLISHED.

Muskegon Board Of Education Says They Are Snobbish.

Muskegon, Mich. (Special).—The Board of Education voted that all high school fraternities and sororities must be abolished from the public schools of Muskegon before March 1.

The three fraternities and two sororities in the schools have a membership of about 200. Opposition to the society on the ground that they breed snobbishness and fast methods and lower the standard of scholarship was brought by a citizen and the action of one fraternity in harboring a skeleton and bell stolen from the schools.

MURDERER GIVES WARNING.

Before Hanging He Tells Men To Shun Bad Women And Drink.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Morris B. Holmes, 23 years old, was hanged in the Allegheny County Jallyard. He stabbed Agnes Miller, his sweetheart, to death with a shoemaker's knife March 27, 1907, at East Pittsburg. He had been drinking heavily, and said he never remembered having committed the crime.

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SOME ODD STORIES AS TOLD BY WIRE

Otter, Geese, And Carp At One Haul.

New York (Special).—Wesley Jacobus, a farmer, living on Hook Mountain, near Towaco, N. J., shot, into a flock of wild geese, which rose from a marshy inlet of the Passaic River and brought down two. He also surprised a moment later to see another goose rise into the air, thirty feet, again and again, only to fall to the ground.

Upon investigation he discovered that the goose was caught on a set line nearly five hundred feet long, with fifty hooks set at intervals. A section of the line was on the land, and the goose had evidently made one of the bolts of this section.

Following up the line, Jacobus found it drawn down into a hole under a stump. Pulling the line, he dragged out of the hole a snapping, snarling otter, which in some way had been caught by one of its feet on a hook.

But this was not all, for on that part of the line still in the water upon the last hook, Jacobus found an eighteen pound German carp.

Fisherman Hooks A Willing Trout.

Millville, N. J. (Special).—Miss Belinda Binks, considered one of the most adept makers of trout flies in the local fishing tackle factory, set out with a packet of her work, a pleasant little note, which read:

"If the sportsman who reads this wants a wife and will drop a line to this town he will find a little trout waiting to jump at the bait."

The message fell into the hands of Joseph Bass, of Vineland, who at once made the longest cast on record, and after a short time landed Miss Belinda. She did not put up much of a fight, and came to shore easily that no landing net was required.

The wedding will take place next month.

BABY TOSSED DOWN SAFELY.

Thrown From Burning Third Story Of A Tenement.

Summit, N. J. (Special).—John MacNabb's tenement, on the third floor of a brick building on Summit Avenue, was burned out. MacNabb and his wife got out safely, but a fireman found id bed in a room where walls were on fire supporting which he hastily wrapped all the bedclothes about and tossed out of the window.

Policeman Smith, on the sidewalk, saw the bundle coming his way and caught it. The bundle began to howl and Smith, not knowing what was within, threw it to the ground. The bundle was a baby, 16 months old. He wasn't harmed.

MR. CORTELYOU WINS.

Court Sustains His Right To Reject Bids For Canal Bonds.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia has dismissed the proceedings instituted some months ago by George W. Austin, of New York, to compel Secretary Cortelyou to issue to him $3,000,000 worth of Panama Canal bonds. The court held that the Secretary had the right to reject any or all bids or to consider the financial conditions of the bidder, and that, if the courts were to hold otherwise, government business might get control of an entire bond issue to cause financial ruin. Austin appealed.

THE COLLINWOOD HORROR.

Coroner Burke Declares The Loss Of Life Absolutely Inexcusable.

Cleveland (Special).—"The loss of the lives of the little children in the Collinwood School fire was absolutely inexcusable," Coroner Burke declared after making a thorough investigation.

"The poor little children were caught in a veritable trap and held there to their death by the flames," he said. "I am not prepared yet to say upon whom the blame should be placed. It is a matter so serious that I will take all time to consider it. The children should have escaped, and would have done so had it been for the partition built in the hall which cut off the stairway. This is what cause their death."

Held In Paris As Sharks.

Paris (By Cable).—The Paris police have arrested a number of men who gave their names as Schwob and De Montgomerie, of Pittsburg, and Howard, of Cincinnati, who declared themselves as "guide interpreters." The men are charged with obtaining large sums of money from American visitors under false pretenses. The prisoners declare the charges baseless.

WASHINGTON

Senators Bacon and Tillman, during addresses in the Senate, intimated that President Roosevelt is dictating what laws Congress shall pass, Representative Hilleit attacked the President on the floor of the House, as a "despot."

The Navy Department sent a congratulatory telegram to Admiral Evans on the termination of the cruise in exact accordance with the itinerary.

Dr. Hugh Dickey, who has been in charge of the tracheoma hospital at Halifax, N. S., has resigned by request coincident with an investigation of charges of conspiracy to defraud immigrants from England.

The secretary of Speaker Cannon states that John Sharp Williams is responsible for placing Richard P. Hobson on the Naval Committee.

Majority and minority reports of the Brownsville affair were submitted to the Senate and a letter from the President permitting the re-enlistment of the discharged soldiers.

President Roosevelt appointed Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, to inquire into the methods of making stock transactions on the various boards of trade and stock exchanges.

Commanger Key continued his testimony before the Senate committee investigating charges of structural defects in the big ships of the United States Navy.

Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, opposed both the Aldrich and the Bailey Currency Bills.

The vessels to compose the new Atlantic fleet are rapidly approaching completion.

THE GRAFTERS ARE FOUND GUILTY

Jury at Harrisburg Convicts Everyone On Trial.

VERDICT IS HEARD IN SILENCE.

Verdict Against All Defendants in the Pennsylvania State Capitol Fraude Case Brought in After Nearly Nine Hours' Deliberation—Only Two Ballots Were Taken.

PENNSYLVANIA'S SCANDAL.

Those Convicted.

JOHN H. SANDERSON, chief contractor, who furnished the plans.

WILLIAM P. SNYDER, former auditor general, who signed the contractor's warrants.

WILLIAM L. MATHUES, former state treasurer, who paid the contractor's warrants.

J. H. SHUMAKER, former superintendent of public grounds and buildings, who received for the furnishings.

The Charge.

Conspiracy to defraud the state of $15,000 in a bill of $50,000 for tables, chairs, sofas and clothes trees.

The Plunder.

Graft to the amazing sum of $5,000,000 out of the total of $9,000,000 of the state's money expended in the work upon the $5,000 state capitol at Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, Pa. (Special).—Contractor John H. Sanderson, ex-Auditor General William P. Snyder, ex-State Treasurer William L. Mathues and ex-Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds Joseph M. Shumaker were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the furnishing of the new state capitol.

The jury returned its verdict at 8.50 o'clock P. M., having been out since 12.19. The greater part of the time was devoted to going over the indictment and the judge's charge. Only two ballots were required to reach an agreement. The first ballot was reported to have been 9 to 3 for conviction.

Immediately after the announcement of the verdict motions were made for new trials for all four defendants. The court will allow 30 days for the preparation of the papers on these motions. Meantime the defendants will remain out on bail.

The case, involving tables, chairs, sofas and cloth trees furnished by Sanderson, on which fraud of $19,000 was alleged, and the total of $50,000 has been on trial seven weeks, having been begun January 22. Two other defendants are under indictments in the case.

The Penalty.

Only Sanderson and Snyder were in court when the verdict was given. Their counsel talk to the jury, the counsel for the defendants would not speak publicly. The state's attorney's when questioned said they had no statement to make as a result of the hard work.

The deliberations during the day for each defendant in this case is two years' imprisonment and a fine of $10,000.

The verdict was received in silence. And when the court clerk Kunkle thanked the jury for its patience and care.

When the jury retired all other cases in which the same defendants figure were postponed until March 23, the day upon which the next trial will begin.

It was announced that the next case to be tried was that involving an alleged fraud of $17,789.70 in the Capitol building and grounds, in action, which is a charge of conspiracy, Congressman J. Hunter Scheil, Architect J. M. Huston and Superintendent Shumaker are named as defendants, with Frank Irvine, a traveling auditor, who made the investigation for the state, as plaintiff.

The trial will be followed by a false pretense indictment charging G. Wetter, the partner of George F. Bailey, with obtaining $2,000 sometime in April, according to prosecutant plans.

JAPAN OUR FRIEND.

Declaration Of Ambassador Takahira Is Cheered.

New York (Special).—With declarations that relations now between the United States and Japan no questions of any magnitude likely to result in friction are pending, and that any questions arising in the future will be brought to satisfactory conclusions by the spirit of friendship existing between the two countries, Baron Kogoro Takahira, Japanese ambassador, called forth prolonged cheers at the banquet at the Hotel Astor tendered in his honor by the Japan Society of New York.

The Japanese Ambassador was speaking of the recent agreement regarding the Japanese immigration question, and his words, spoken before the society, formed to promote friendly relations between the two countries, were taken as a prophecy of continued peace in the Pacific.

Last Of Dreyfus Case.

Paris (By Cable).—The last act of justice in the famous Dreyfus case was performed when the Chamber of Deputies voted to reinstate Lieutenant Joseph Reinach, the historian of the case, to his rank in the territorial army. The bill was passed, however, only after the Government had been defeated. Reinach's name was unexpressed from the measure, which was made general to cover all officers punished.

Seven Railroads Sued.

Scranton, Pa. (Special).—United States District Attorney Watson, of the middle district of Pennsylvania, entered proceedings here against the Central Railroad of New Jersey, Pennsylvania Railroad, Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad, Williamsport and North Branch Railroad, Philadelphia and Reading Railway, New York Central Railroad and the Baglemere Railroad for violations of the Safety Appliance law. In all 23 violations are specified.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN GIRLS' SCHOOL

Principal Kills Her Chum and Herself.

Boston (Special).—Suffering from melancholia, due to overwork, Miss Sarah Chamberlin Weed, of Philadelphia, shot and killed Miss Elizabeth Bailey Hardee, of Savannah, Ga., and then committed suicide at the Laurens School, a fashionable boarding school for girls. The Laurens School was established last fall by Miss Hardee and Miss Weed. Both were graduates of Wellesley College, and intimate friends. On October 1, the day the school opened, Miss Weed broke down as a result of overwork, and was committed to a sanitarium in Newton